

Congressman Joseph R. Pitts

Curriculum Vitae

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—Personal—

Birth

October 10, 1939, in Lexington, KY to Joseph and Pearl Jackson Pitts

Spouse

Virginia M., nee Pratt, taught at Upland Country Day School for 30 years

Children

Karen, Carol, and Dan, all adults

—Education—

M.Ed. in Comprehensive Science, West Chester University, West Chester, PA—1972

U.S. Air Force Schools, OTS, Navigator, Electronic Warfare Officer, Survival, Combat Crew Training—1963-1965

A.B. in Philosophy and Religion, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY—1961

—Professional—

Teaching

Teacher of math, science, English, and physical education, Mortonsville Elementary, Versailles, KY—1962-1963

Teacher of math and science, basketball coach, Great Valley High School, Malvern, PA—1969-1972

Military

Officer, regular commission, 2nd Lieutenant to Captain, U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command, Westover Air Force Base, MA, Navigator and Electronic Warfare Office, Vietnam Veteran—1963-1969

Nursery

Owner and operator of a small landscape nursery business in Unionville, PA—1974-1990

—Public Service—

Member, United States House of Representatives—1997-present

Committees

Energy and Commerce (Subcommittees: Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection; Environment and Hazardous Materials; Health), 2001-present; International Relations (Subcommittees: International Operations and Human Rights; Middle East and South Asia), 2001-present; Armed Services (1999-2001); Budget (1997-2001); Small Business (1997-2001); Transportation and Infrastructure (1997-1999); Joint Economic Committee (1998-present)

Other Affiliations

Chairman: Central Asia Caucus, Electronic Warfare Working Group, Fatherhood Promotion Task Force, Philatelic Caucus, Religious Prisoners Congressional Task Force Values Action Team, Wilberforce Group;
Member: Alzheimer's Caucus, Air Force Caucus, Fire Caucus, Human Rights Caucus, Mushroom Caucus, Pro-Life Caucus, Republican Study Committee, Steel Caucus, Congressional Caucus on the Western Sahara

Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives—1973-1997

Committees

Chairman: Appropriations and Labor Relations; Member: Appropriations, Transportation, Republican Policy, Joint Legislative Budget and Finance, Select Committee on Violence

Other Assignments

Chairman: Capitol Preservation, Legislative Bicentennial Subcommittee, Select Committee to Investigate SEPTA, House Tercentenary Committee, Joint Committee for the Restoration and Preservation of the Capitol, Select Committee to Investigate the State Water Plan, Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Subcommittee; Member: Commonwealth Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, House of Representatives Grassroots Advisory Panel

—Memberships—

Brandywine Valley Association
Bridges of Peace International, Board of Advisors
Crosslinks, Board of Trustees
Congressional Youth Leadership Council, Board of Trustees
County Corrections Gospel Mission, Board of Trustees
Economic Development Advisory Council, Eastern College, 1996
International Health Services Board
Keystone State Games, Inc., Founder and Charter Board Member
The Mobility Project, Board of Reference
National Rifle Association
Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company, Unionville
Retired Officers Association
Rotary Club International, Kennett Square
SAT-7, Board of Advisors
Satellite Educators Association, Inc., Advisory Board
Society for Political Enquiries (President, 1991-1995)
Board Member, State Employees' Retirement System, 1993-1995
Stephen's Children, Board of Trustees
Templeton Honors Program, Eastern College, Advisory Board
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kennett Square
Western Sahara Foundation, Founding Member and Board of Advisors
Elder, Willowdale Chapel, Willowdale

—Honors—

Outstanding Young Man of America Nominee, 1976
Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange Public Servant Award, 1980

Community Leadership Award, Pennsylvanians for Biblical Morality, 1984
Distinguished Government Service Award, American Mushroom Institute, 1985
Defender of Life Award, Pro Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1985
William Penn Award, Pennsylvania FACTS, 1985
Historic Harrisburg Association Award, 1987
Outstanding Contribution to the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution Award, 1987
Spirit of the Family Award, Pennsylvania Parents Commission, 1988
Pennsylvanians for Right to Work Award, 1989
Robert W. Popham Satellites in Education Award, 1989
State Guardian of Small Business Award, NFIB Pennsylvania, 1989
Parent Educators of Pennsylvania Homeschooling Award, 1989
Independence Dogs Service Award, 1990
Citizens Against Higher Taxes, Certificate of Appreciation, 1990-1991
Educational Advisory Committee, Stroud Water Research Center, 1990
Legislator of the Year Award, Pennsylvania Family Institute, 1991
Board Member, Graystone Society, 1991-present
Pennsylvania Academic Competition, Originator and Sponsor, 1992
Pennsylvanians Aware Appreciation Award, 1992
Friend of Agriculture, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania, 1994
Joseph Siegman Outstanding Legislator Award, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, 1994
Appreciation Award, Council of Korean Churches of Greater Philadelphia, 1995
Champion of Excellence Award, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers, 1996
Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence, National Association of Manufacturers, 105th Congress, 106th Congress
Friend of the Family Award, Christian Coalition, 105th Congress, 106th Congress
Friend of Farm Bureau Award, American Farm Bureau Federation, 105th Congress
Golden Bulldog Award, Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc., 105th Congress
Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business, 105th Congress, 106th Congress
Jefferson Award, Citizens for a Sound Economy, 105th Congress
Spirit of Enterprise Award, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 105th Congress, 106th
Taxpayer Hero Award, Citizens Against Government Waste, 1997
Thomas Jefferson Award, Food Distributors International, 1998
Humanitarian Award, Chapel of Four Chaplains, 1998
Outstanding Citizen Award, Lancaster County ACTION, 1998
Hero of the Taxpayer, Americans for Tax Reform, 1999, 2000
Small Business Champion Award, Small Business Survival Committee, 1999
Best and Brightest Award, American Conservative Union, 2000
Friend of the Shareholder Award, American Shareholders Association, 2000
Taxpayer's Friend Award, National Taxpayers Union, 2000
Champion of the Merit Shop, Associated Builders and Contractors, 106th Congress
Silver Eagle Award, Pakistani Association of North America, 2001